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SUBJECT: NEW CAPITAL PLANNING PROPOSALS AND PANAM

1. FEDERAL CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (CDA) TODAY INFORMED EMBASSY THAT IT HAS NOT YET RECEIVED AMERICAN FIRMS' NEW CAPITAL MASTER PLANNING PROPOSALS AIRFREIGHTED ABOUT DECEMBER 6 FROM NIGERIAN EMBASSY, WASHINGTON, TO CDA, LAGOS VIA PAN AMERICAN WORLD AIRWAYS AT DULLES AIRPORT. CDA WARNS THAT AMERICAN FIRMS' CHANCES MIGHT BE HARMED BY CONTINUED DELAY IN RECEIPT THESE PROPOSALS, WHICH MUST BE STUDIED BY NIGERIAN MEMBERS EVALUATION COMMITTEE, WHICH COMPOSED MAINLY OF NIGERIANS. COMPETING BRITISH AND FRENCH PROPOSALS ALREADY DISTRIBUTED TO COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

2. IT WAS TO AVOID JUST THIS PROBLEM THAT EMBASSY PERSUADED CDA ACCEPT DELIVERY PROPOSALS IN WASHINGTON. POUCH AND MAIL SERVICE HAD BEEN SO SLOW THAT FIRMS COULD NEVER HAVE MADE ORIGINAL NOV. 30 DEADLINE FOR DELIVERY LAGOS. NOW APPEARS THAT, WHICH FIRMS MADE DEADLINE BY DELIVERING WASHINGTON, POOR MAIL SERVICE AGAIN JEOPARDIZES OPERATION, ALTHOUGH PANAM MAY NOT BE AT FAULT THIS TIME.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: AIRWAY BILL NO. IS 0267382-4030 RPT 0267382-4030

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SHIPMENT CONSISTS NINE PACKAGES, SIZE AND WEIGHT UNKNOWN, DELIVERED PANAM DULLES DEC. 6 OR POSSIBLY WITHIN FEW DAYS THEREAFTER. PLEASE UTILIZE DEPARTMENT'S MAIL AND POUCH CONTACTS WITH PANAM DULLES TO LOCATE AND EXPEDITE SHIPMENT. PLEASE ADVISE NLT DEC. 23 AS CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY HERE IS DEC. 24-27.
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